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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*
11 ROBERT TAYLOR,

12 v.
13 Plaintiff,

14 GCI LIBERTY, INC., *et al.*,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-2029-JCC

ORDER

FILED UNDER SEAL

16 This matter comes before the Court on the Government's fourth *ex parte* application for
17 an extension of time to consider whether to elect to intervene (Dkt. No. 16). Having thoroughly
18 considered the Government's application and the relevant record, the Court GRANTS the
19 application.

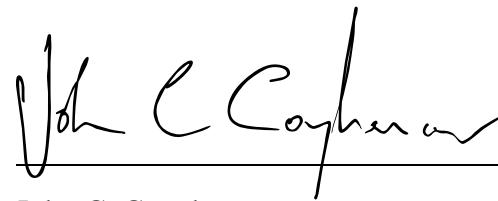
20 In December 2019, Relator Robert Taylor filed a complaint under seal against GCI
21 Liberty, Inc. and Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc. under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims
22 Act ("FCA"), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–33. (*See* Dkt. No. 1.) Following three extensions of time, the
23 Government's deadline to elect whether to intervene in the action was September 24, 2021. (Dkt.
24 Nos. 5, 7, 10.) On September 15, 2021, the Government moved for another six-month extension
25 of time, citing the need to interview Relator regarding his Second Amended Complaint (Dkt. No.
26 15) and for additional time to review pertinent documents. (Dkt. No. 16 at 5–6.) According to the

1 Government, Relator concurs with this request. (*Id.* at 1.)

2 Under the FCA, the Court may grant an extension “for good cause shown.” 31 U.S.C.
3 § 3730(b)(3). Having reviewed the Government’s *ex parte* application and the relevant record,
4 the Court finds good cause to grant an extension. The Court therefore GRANTS the
5 Government’s *ex parte* application (Dkt. No. 16) and ORDERS the Government to notify the
6 Court whether the Government will intervene by March 24, 2022. The Clerk is DIRECTED to
7 maintain the complaint, the amended complaint, this order, and other filings in this matter under
8 seal until further order of the Court.

9 DATED this 21st day of September 2021.

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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE